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Subject: Urgent

Just got this from our SF office re Cargill. Please call whe you can.

Thanks
Greg

Salt

I just spoke with Lt. Col. John Baker, SF District Engineer for ACOE. He has not heard anything about a pause on ACOE Chief Counsel Earl Stockdale's memo nor in direction from Meg Gafney-Smith. He had been asked to get on with it and provide a timeline, which included submittal of a draft JD to HQ by April 25, which the District met. ACOE HQ has 2 weeks to review (by 5/9) and then ACOE District has a week to finalize (5/16). Lt. Col. Baker affirmed if he doesn't hear back from HQ, he would not proceed, but hasn't gotten any indication of a delay. He acknowledged the ACOE HQ recent enterprise-level guidance was a significant departure from the direction the District had been heading, and said there have been many conversations about it since March. He had been under the impression that ACOE HQ had run Stockdale's memo by EPA HQ.

He also said that Cargill and DMB have historically said they wanted one horizontally and vertically coordinated action by the federal government, and for any interagency differences to be sorted out and not to be played out in public.

He said he is not getting pressure from Cargill or DMB, but wants to wrap this up before he departs SF District on June 27 bound for his new job at the Pentagon.

I told him what we had heard about Ken Kopocis's conversation with Jo-Ellen Darcy. He said Ms. Darcy will be in SF May 30-June 6 for a conference (PIANC) and that he's proposed tours of the Salt Ponds, San Francisquito Creek and Redwood City site for her, and that perhaps Jared could join (he's been wanting to go to the Salt Ponds). Ideally we could get a confirmed Corps pause until after she comes out and we have time to talk with her.

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